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INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE ELIMINATION OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ACCIDENT AT THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Algeria, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic*, Chile*, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt*, German Democratic Republic, Guinea, India, Jordan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Nicaragua, Poland*, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela, Zaire and Zambia: draft resolution

International co-operation in the elimination of the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with profound concern the tragic consequences of the accident which occurred in April 1986 at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant and which, because of its dimensions, assumed not only national but also international importance,

Noting the appeal to the Secretary-General, contained in the letter from the Permanent Representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, for the provision of all possible assistance in the efforts being undertaken to eliminate the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant,

Deeply concerned also about the state of health of the people, especially children, who suffered and continue to suffer from the effects of increased radiation and will suffer the long-term consequences,

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

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Taking into account the need to continue immediate, large-scale and comprehensive measures to eliminate the consequences of the accident - in the first place, those measures related to safeguarding the health of the population, including its resettlement in environmentally safe areas, improving the environment in the contaminated areas and preventing further possible transboundary radioactive pollution,

Conscious of the urgent need for broad international co-operation in the elimination of the consequences of the accident,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/224 of 22 December 1989, in which the General Assembly, inter alia, recognized the need to strengthen international co-operation in rendering assistance in cases of environmental emergencies,

1. Welcomes the efforts undertaken by Governments, international and national non-governmental organizations, business and scientific circles, individuals and also the United Nations Environment Programme, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Health Organization, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other bodies, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system for the elimination of the consequences of the accident;

2. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, with a view to co-ordinating and expanding the aforementioned efforts, to prepare, with the assistance of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, proposals for a programme of international co-operation for the elimination of the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant and to submit a report on the subject for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to dispatch to those areas of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic which were affected by the accident an inter-agency mission to evaluate the priority needs and to inform the international community without delay of the results of the mission in the report referred to in paragraph 2 of the present resolution;

4. Makes an urgent appeal to all States members, organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to provide all possible assistance in the efforts to overcome the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant.

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Zambia:* draft resolution

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the purpose set forth in the Charter of the United Nations of achieving international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling the proclamation by the General Assembly, in its resolution 38/14 of 22 November 1983, of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Recalling also the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 38/14 to achieve the objectives of the Second Decade,

Reaffirming the plan of activities for the periods 1985-1989 and 1990-1993, to be implemented by the Secretary-General in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 39/16 of 23 November 1984 and 42/47 of 30 November 1987,

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* On behalf of the African States.

Conscious of the responsibility conferred upon it by the General Assembly for co-ordinating and, in particular, evaluating the activities undertaken in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade,

Bearing in mind, in particular, its mandate under General Assembly resolution 41/94 of 4 December 1986 to submit to the Assembly, during the period of the Second Decade, annual reports on the activities undertaken or contemplated to achieve the objectives of the Second Decade,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade, 1/

Noting that, despite the efforts of the international community, the principal objectives of the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the first years of the Second Decade have not been attained, and that millions of human beings continue to be victims of varied forms of racism, racial discrimination and apartheid,

Welcoming the recent Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, 2/ unanimously adopted by the General Assembly at its sixteenth special session, which offers guidelines on how to end apartheid through genuine negotiations,

Noting with satisfaction the convening of a United Nations seminar on cultural dialogue between the countries of origin and the host countries of migrant workers, in Athens from 18 to 26 September 1989,

Noting with deep concern the official invitations being extended to the President of South Africa by some Governments, since such invitations are at present premature and may be tantamount to a relaxation of pressure against the apartheid régime of South Africa and may discourage the Government of South Africa from undertaking genuine negotiations for the eradication of the system of apartheid,

Stressing the need to continue the co-ordination of activities undertaken by various United Nations bodies and specialized agencies for the purpose of implementing the Programme of Action for the Second Decade,

1. Reaffirms the importance of achieving the objectives of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

2. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat

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1/ E/1990/20 and Add.1.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Special Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/S-16/4), para. 10.

Racism and Racial Discrimination, 1/ in particular the recommendations contained therein;

3. Welcomes the independence of Namibia, which brought to an end a régime and policies based on racism in that country and hence contributed significantly to the attainment of the objectives of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

4. Also wlecomes the emerging political climate inside South Africa which has the potential to create conditions that are conducive to the abolition of the system of apartheid in that country;

5. Calls upon Governments to encourage positive change in South Africa based on the guidelines set out in the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa 2/ and in particular by maintaining existing measures against South Africa until there is clear evidence of profound and irreversible change;

6. Invites the Secretary-General to continue with the implementation of the activities for the period 1990-1993 listed in the annex to General Assembly resolution 42/47, and requests him, in this context, to continue to accord the highest priority to measures to combat apartheid;

7. Also invites all Governments to take or continue to take all necessary measures to combat all forms of racism and racial discrimination and to support the work of the Second Decade by making contributions to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, in order to ensure further implementation of activities for the Second Decade;

8. Reaffirms the need to continue giving particular attention to the specific activities of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade that are directed towards the elimination of apartheid, which is the most destructive and vicious form of institutionalized racism;

9. Also reaffirms the importance of public information activities in combating racism and racial discrimination and in mobilizing public support for the objectives of the Second Decade, and, in this context, commends the efforts of the Co-ordinator for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the effective and immediate implementation of those activities proposed for the first half of the Decade that have not yet been undertaken;

11. Also requests the Secretary-General, in his reports, to continue to pay special attention to the situation of migrant workers and their families;

12. Reaffirms the need for continued co-ordination of the full range of programmes being implemented by the United Nations system as they relate to the objectives of the Second Decade;

13. Decides to continue to accord the highest priority each year to the agenda item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination".

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Draft decision proposed by the President

International co-operation in the elimination of the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant

The Economic and Social Council, taking into account the discussion on the item entitled "International co-operation in the elimination of the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant" held at its first regular session of 1990,

(a) Decides to include that item in the agenda of its second regular session of 1990 and to consider it in plenary meetings;

(b) Decides to defer consideration of the draft resolution on the subject 1/ to its second regular session of 1990;

(c) Requests the delegations concerned to provide the Council at that session with additional information on the economic and social consequences of the accident;

(d) Requests the Secretary-General to provide all relevant information on the activities of the United Nations system in order to assist the Council in its consideration of the item.

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